

110TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 4832

To promote wildland firefighter safety.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 18, 2007

Mr. UDALL of Colorado introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Wildland Fire Safety
5 and Transparency Act of 2007”.

6 **SEC. 2. WILDLAND FIREFIGHTER SAFETY.**

7 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

8 (1) SECRETARIES.—The term “Secretaries”
9 means—

1 (A) the Secretary of the Interior, acting
2 through the Directors of the Bureau of Land
3 Management, the United States Fish and Wild-
4 life Service, the National Park Service, and the
5 Bureau of Indian Affairs; and

6 (B) the Secretary of Agriculture, acting
7 through the Chief of the Forest Service.

8 (2) WILDLAND FIREFIGHTER.—The term
9 “wildland firefighter” means any person who partici-
10 pates in wildland firefighting activities—

11 (A) under the direction of either of the
12 Secretaries; or

13 (B) under a contract or compact with a
14 federally recognized Indian tribe.

15 (b) ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretaries shall jointly
17 submit to Congress an annual report on the wildland
18 firefighter safety practices of the Secretaries, includ-
19 ing training programs and activities for wildland fire
20 suppression, prescribed burning, and wildland fire
21 use, during the preceding calendar year.

22 (2) TIMELINE.—Each report under paragraph
23 (1) shall—

1 (A) be submitted by not later than March
2 of the year following the calendar year covered
3 by the report; and

4 (B) include—

5 (i) a description of, and any changes
6 to, wildland firefighter safety practices, in-
7 cluding training programs and activities
8 for wildland fire suppression, prescribed
9 burning, and wildland fire use;

10 (ii) statistics and trend analyses;

11 (iii) an estimate of the amount of
12 Federal funds expended by the Secretaries
13 on wildland firefighter safety practices, in-
14 cluding training programs and activities
15 for wildland fire suppression, prescribed
16 burning, and wildland fire use;

17 (iv) progress made in implementing
18 recommendations from the Inspector Gen-
19 eral, the Government Accountability Office,
20 the Occupational Safety and Health Ad-
21 ministration, or an agency report relating
22 to a wildland firefighting fatality issued
23 during the preceding 10 years; and

24 (v) a description of—

- 1 (I) the provisions relating to
2 wildland firefighter safety practices in
3 any Federal contract or other agree-
4 ment governing the provision of
5 wildland firefighters by a non-Federal
6 entity;
- 7 (II) a summary of any actions
8 taken by the Secretaries to ensure
9 that the provisions relating to safety
10 practices, including training, are com-
11 plied with by the non-Federal entity;
12 and
- 13 (III) the results of those actions.

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